

THE CHURCH IN ANTIOCH. Acts 13.

1. THE FIRST MISSIONARIES FROM ANTIOCH.

These were Barnabas and Saul.

The choice was indicated to the church by the Holy Spirit. Acts 13:2.

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2. THE INFLUENCE OF BARNABAS ON PAUL.

a. Barnabas Acts 4:36-37. He was a son of consolation. Of Cyprus. The next refs has to do with his relation to Saul of Tarsus.

b. Barnabas "took" (epilambano) Paul Ac. 9:27-31.

Acc. to Thayer the word "**took**" means to:-

1. To lay hold on; to seize a thing by hands

2. By a metaphor drawn from laying hold of another to rescue him. To help-to succor.

c. Barnabas brought him to apostles-introduced him to them. He "**declared**" (diegeomai)

1.e. To lead or carry a narration through to the end. Set forth; to tell in full.

IN THE CASE OF SAUL IT WOULD HAVE TO BE

TOLD IN FULL...HOW ABOUT THE PERSECUTION?

1. How Paul had seen the Lord. 27

2. How God had spoken to him. 27

3. How Paul had preached in Damascus boldly in the Name of Jesus. 27

d. The brethren arranged for Paul to go to Tarsus.

3. HOW DID PAUL GET TO ANTIOCH? First mention of

Antioch in the New Test is in Acts 6:5, where Nicholas, a proselyte of Antioch is chosen to serve tables with six others. Had he taken the Gospel to his home town? He and others had. Acts 11:19-20 tells of those who were scattered from Jerus. who went preaching the Gospel to Jews only. Then the Cyprian friends spoke to the Greeks, and many believed. Were these Hellenized Jews? Thus in Antioch the boundaries between Jew & Gk were broken. Fit school for Paul who went to Gentiles.

a. Barnabas was sent to Antioch by the Church at Jerus. to find out about revival.

Blessing followed his visit. 11:22-24.

b. After seeing work he set forth to seek Saul in Tarsus. 11:25

"Anazeteo"--To make diligent search. To "look him up," purposely.

c. He found (eurisko) him in Tarsus, and brought him to Antioch. 11:26.

d. They remained one whole year in Antioch 11:26. Of this it is said:-

They were gathered together with the church And taught much people.

The disciples were first called-(Chrematista To assume or take a name from one's public business. e.g. "Smith", "Sadler" etc.

THE BUSINESS OF THE EARLY CHRISTIANS WAS TO BE CHRISTIAN & THEY WERE CALLED BY THAT NAME.

1. Did Barnabas do anything to develop the gift in Paul?

2. Was there a chance of Paul being hindered had he not been given this fine fellowship?

3. Are we careful enough of the converts after they have made a start in the Christian life?

4. Was there a relation between what Paul did for young men like Timothy & Titus, and what Barnabas did for him?